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BISCHOFF ENCOURAGES STUDENTS TO PAGE DURING 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

INDIANAPOLIS – Indiana State Rep. Bob Bischoff (D-Lawrenceburg) today encouraged local students with an interest in government to serve as legislative pages during the 2006 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

"The Indiana House Page Program is open to any student age 13 or older," Bischoff said. "The program offers great opportunities for seeing state government in operation at the Statehouse in Indianapolis."

Bischoff explained that House pages come to Indianapolis between January and mid-March to tour the Statehouse, observe the legislative process and have their photos taken with legislators.

Students who serve as pages receive an excused absence from school. Pages are responsible for their own transportation to and from Indianapolis.

"Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays are the best days to page," Bischoff said. "We do not schedule pages for Fridays because the Legislature does not normally meet on those days. Wednesdays are often set aside as committee days and so these can also be relatively quiet days on the House floor."

While visiting the Statehouse, pages will normally tour the governor's office, the Indiana Supreme Court, and the chambers of the Indiana House and Senate.

"Depending upon the particular day's schedule, pages also get to see the Senate and House taking action upon the proposals that eventually become the laws of our state," Bischoff added.

Pages can apply by visiting Bischoff's legislative Web site at www.in.gov/H68 and clicking on the "Student Services" link, by calling Bischoff's office toll-free at **1-800-382-9842**, or by writing to his office at the following address: **Rep. Bob Bischoff / 200 W. Washington St. / Indianapolis, IN / 46204**.

If writing, please include such basic information as the applicant's name, home address, age, phone number and an email address if available.